

## **API CONSUMER AND FAMILY MEMBER TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM GRADUATION**

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On Wednesday, June 17, 2015, a graduation ceremony took place at the China Gate Restaurant for peers and family members who participated in the Asian Pacific Islander (API) Consumer and Family Member Training and Employment Program. The program is through the Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Centers (APCTC).

This Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACMDH) API UREP capacity building project successfully recruited 12 API peers and family members from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, age groups and service areas. Eight graduated from the program.



Each graduate went through a 100-hour training program to become peer and family advocates, including training in health navigation. Additionally, each trainee interned at a mental health agency that serves the API community to complete a 200-hour internship where they facilitated support groups, helped with linkage and participated in outreach and engagement activities. Once they finish the program, the goal is to secure a job for each enrollee at a mental health agency that serves the API community.



The project developed after API UREP identified a need for more culturally competent Peer/Family Advocates and Health Navigators employed in the public mental health system to serve the API community.

Congratulations to the graduates!